



Dedicated to Advancing Stem Cell Research

Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research

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The Honorable Don Perata
California State Senate
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The Honorable George Runner
California State Senate
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The Honorable Sheila Kuehl
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Tom Torlakson
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senators:

I am writing on behalf of the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research (CAMR) regarding legislation currently before the California State Legislature, SB 771, a California Senate bill that would restrict the intellectual property and pricing policies of research funders and grantees in California. While we commend the State of California for your nationwide leadership and support of embryonic stem cell research, we oppose SB 771.

CAMR and our more than 100 member organizations represent the voices of patients, scientists, physicians and academic institutions across the country in the debate over stem cell research and the future of regenerative medicine. We have grassroots members from patient and other advocacy organizations in every state in the nation, including California.

We believe provisions of SB 771 would severely impede the progress of stem cell research in California. Injecting pricing policy into intellectual property rules upsets the balance between public and private interests that have led to the development of many therapies and products for patients. Thus, by restricting the intellectual property policies of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine and its grantees, this bill would negatively impact efforts to commercialize stem cell research into therapies to treat patients.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns. We urge California to continue with its progress and leadership by not passing SB 771.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Tipton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sean Tipton, President